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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
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 Hikaru TAKAKURA et al) Examiner:
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 Appln. No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED) Washington, D.C.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior
to calculation of a filing fee and examination on the merits,
kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This is a divisional of application no. 08/894,818,
now US Pat. 6261,822
filed August 29, 1997, which is a 371 national stage application
of PCT/JP96/03253, filed November 7, 1996, the entire contents of
both applications being incorporated herein by reference.--